GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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CORRUPTION IN STEEL PLANTS
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of corruption cases noticed in various steel plants in the country during the last two years;

(b) the details of action taken against the guilty officials in each case; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to eradicate corruption from steel plants?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) The number of corruption cases noticed in the steel plants in the public sector during the last two financial years are as follows:

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i) Steel Plants/Units of SAIL  - 340 cases
ii) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL)/
 Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP)  -  08 cases
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(b) In the steel plants/units of SAIL, against 340 corruption cases, major penalty was imposed on 150 officers and minor penalty was imposed on 247 officials.

Against 8 corruption cases in RINL/VSP, major penalty was imposed on 4 officials and minor penalty was also imposed on 4 officials.

(c) A number of steps have been taken by the Government to eradicate corruption from steel plants, some of which broadly are as follows:

i) Instructions have been issued to the steel plants to identify area/organisation and carry out study with a view to simplify the existing rules and procedures.

ii) Regular/surprise inspections are being conducted at the level of Chief Vigilance Officer of the plant who detect cases of corruption and remedial follow up actions are being taken.

iii) Directions have been issued to the steel plants to draw a plan of rotation of staff posted in sensitive posts and effect rotation of staff as per instructions issued by Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).

iv) Agreed List and List of Officers of doubtful integrity are being drawn up and appropriate surveillance is being kept on the conduct of the officers included in these Lists.

v) Vigilance matters/activities of steel plants are being reviewed at the level of Secretary (Steel) quarterly.

vi) Property return filed by the officers are being scrutinised regularly.

vii) Guidelines/instructions issued by Central Vigilance Commission/Chief Technical Examiners Organisation under CVC/Department of Personnel & Training are being circulated to the steel plants for strict compliance.

viii) Stress is being laid on expeditious completion of departmental proceedings initiated against the accused officials.